State of Illinois Department of Transportation Bureau of Materials and Physical Research

POLICY MEMORANDUM

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TO: DISTRICT ENGINEERS AND HIGHWAY BUREAU CHIEFS

AGGREGATE, HOT MIX ASPHALT (HMA), AND

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE (PCC) PRODUCERS

SUBJECT: MINIMUM PRIVATE LABORATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING OR MIX DESIGN

1.0 <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

AASHTO R 18 - The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Standard for "Establishing and Implementing a Quality System for Construction Materials Laboratories." The principles of AASHTO R 18 are used by the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research (BMPR) to administer the Qualified Laboratory Program for **District** and **Private Laboratories**.

ACCREDITED LAB – A laboratory that is accredited by the AASHTO Accreditation Program (AAP) or other accrediting body recognized by FHWA.

BMPR LABORATORY - The Department's central laboratory, maintained and operated by the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research (BMPR). The BMPR Laboratory administers the Qualified Laboratory Program for **District** and **Private Laboratories**.

CONSULTANT - A Private firm which performs construction materials testing for the **Department**, **Producer**, or **Contractor**. **Department** Prequalification and AASHTO accreditation requirements apply where **Department** construction testing is performed directly for the **Department** under a **Department** contract or subcontract.

CONTRACTOR - The individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, or corporation contracting with the **Department** for performance of prescribed work.

DEPARTMENT – Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), including its Districts and Central Bureau offices.

DISTRICT LABORATORY - A **Department** laboratory that is operated by a District.

FIELD TESTS – Tests that may be performed outside of a laboratory, for example, a Portland cement concrete (PCC) or hot-mix asphalt (HMA) test performed at the jobsite.

HMA MIX DESIGN LABORATORY – Any **Private Laboratory** that has a **Department** approved HMA mix design lab. Consultants that are prequalified with the **Department** for HMA Mix Design must be capable of performing the tests listed in Table 1.

PRIVATE LABORATORY - Any construction materials testing or design laboratory

not operated by the **Department**. This includes **Contractor**, **Producer**, or **Consultant** laboratories performing Quality Control (QC), Quality Assurance (QA), acceptance, independent assurance, or any other required or contracted testing on a **Department** project.

PRODUCER - An individual or business entity providing materials for performance of prescribed work.

QUALIFIED LABORATORIES – **Private Laboratories** that perform testing for **Department** projects and are inspected and approved by the **Department**. FHWA's Construction regulations (23 CFR 637.203) define these as *Laboratories that are capable as defined by appropriate programs established by each SHA (state highway agency). As a minimum, the qualification program shall include provisions for checking test equipment, and the laboratory shall keep records of calibration checks.*

QUALIFIED PERSONNEL - Personnel with demonstrated and documented capability to perform the applicable inspection and testing. The minimum requirement for aggregate, hot-mix asphalt (HMA), or Portland cement concrete (PCC) testing is successful completion of the prescribed **Department** Quality Control/Quality Assurance (QC/QA) Trained Technician classes. (Note: Additional personnel or experience requirements may apply to labs performing professional service work for the **Department**, e.g. Professional Engineer (P.E.) registrations, resumes, documented experience. When required, such notice will be provided in the prequalification process or solicitation notice.)

QUALITY ASSURANCE TESTING CONSULTANT – A Professional Engineering firm that is prequalified by the **Department** to perform field and/or laboratory tests for the **Department**. Required tests for Quality Assurance Testing Consultants are listed in Table 2.

QUALITY ASSURANCE LABORATORY - Any laboratory used for Quality Assurance (QA) testing (**Department** tests) required by the **Department**.

QUALITY CONTROL LABORATORY - Any laboratory used for Quality Control (QC) testing (**Contractor** or **Producer** tests) required by the **Department**.

QUALITY CONTROL (QC) MANAGER – An employee (or **Consultant**) of a **Contractor** or **Producer** who is responsible for compliance with the QC/QA requirements in a **Department** contract or policy.

REQUIRED TESTS - Tests required for each category of **Private Laboratory** as defined by Table 1 and Table 2.

TECHNICAL MANAGER - The individual with responsibility for the overall operations, condition, and maintenance of the **Private Laboratory**. The Technical Manager shall be identified in writing. The Technical Manager is not required to be the **QC Manager** defined in the contract. However, the Technical Manager shall be familiar with the Quality Control (QC) testing requirements and the specified equipment.

2.0 SCOPE

This policy governs the minimum qualifications for materials **Quality Control** and **Quality Assurance Laboratories** operated by **Contractors**, **Producers** and **Consultants**. It applies to aggregate, hot-mix asphalt (HMA) and Portland cement concrete (PCC) testing laboratories.

3.0 PURPOSE

- To ensure that **Private Laboratories** are equipped and maintained at a uniform and high level of quality.
- To establish a uniform procedure for evaluating and approving Private Laboratories.
- To maintain a uniform standard for inspecting test equipment and test procedures.

4.0 <u>AUTHORITY</u>

Federal regulations (23 CFR Part 637) require the **Department** to establish a program for "qualifying" construction laboratories involved in tests which are used for acceptance. Under the **Department's** QC/QA specifications, **Contractor/Producer** test results are used in the acceptance process

5.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- IDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.
- IDOT Manual of Test Procedures for Materials.
- IDOT QC/QA Specifications for Hot-Mix Asphalt and Portland Cement Concrete.
- AASHTO, ASTM, and IDOT Test Procedures.
- Code of Federal Regulations (23 CFR Part 637).
- Department Policy MAT-15, "Quality Assurance Procedures for Construction."

6.0 PRIVATE LABORATORY REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Personnel Qualifications/Responsibilities

- **6.1.1** All testing for **Department** contracts shall be performed by **Qualified Personnel** as specified in the contract.
- The **Department** will maintain a computer database of **Qualified Personnel** who have successfully passed the appropriate QC/QA classes.

6.2 Facilities and Equipment

The **Department** shall approve all **Private Laboratories** used on **Department** projects.

- Each **Private Laboratory** shall maintain the equipment and facilities necessary to perform the tests as appropriate for the product to be tested. A list of required **Private Laboratory** tests is provided in Tables 1and 2.
- 6.2.3 Each **Private Laboratory** shall have adequate floor space to efficiently conduct required tests. Suggested minimum floor space is provided under "Model Quality Control Plans" in the Manual of Test Procedures for Materials.
- **6.2.4** Each **Private Laboratory** shall have HVAC equipment capable of maintaining a room temperature of 20 to 30° C (68-86° F). A **Private Laboratory** that performs only aggregate gradation and/or aggregate moisture testing is exempt from this requirement.
- 6.2.5 All equipment shall be as specified in the current Manual of Test Procedures for Materials.

7.0 QUALITY SYSTEM CRITERIA

7.1 AASHTO R 18

Each **Private Laboratory** shall establish and implement a quality system which meets the criteria from **AASHTO R 18**. Accredited Laboratories shall comply with all of **AASHTO R 18** for AMRL, and ASTM C 1077 for CCRL.

7.2 Technical Manager

Each **Private Laboratory** shall have a **Technical Manager** (however titled) who has overall responsibility for the technical operations of the **Private Laboratory**. The **Technical Manager** shall be responsible for equipment maintenance and calibration, maintaining records, and ensuring that current test procedures are utilized. If the **Private Laboratory** is prequalified in a Professional **Consultant** service category, a licensed Illinois Professional Engineer shall have direct supervision of the laboratory.

7.3 Equipment Calibration and Verification

The **Private Laboratory** shall calibrate or verify all testing equipment associated with tests performed by the **Private Laboratory**. Table 3 includes a maximum interval for calibrating most laboratory equipment. Heavy use or specific test requirements may justify more frequent checks.

7.4 Proficiency Testing

Private Laboratory qualifications may include round-robin proficiency testing conducted by the **Department**. Results of proficiency testing may be considered in the overall evaluation of the **Private Laboratory** to conduct specific tests. For example, the SHRP Gyratory Compactor and binder ignition oven may be evaluated/approved through round-robin proficiency testing.

7.5 Records

- **7.5.1** Test Records Each **Private Laboratory** shall maintain test records which contain sufficient information to permit verification of any test report.
- **7.5.2** Records Retention Each **Private Laboratory** shall maintain documentation of the internal quality controls. At a minimum, the records shall include:
 - Documentation of assignment of personnel responsible for internal quality controls.
 - Documentation of equipment calibration.
 - Logs of sample pick-up shall be maintained for a minimum period of three years.
 - All documentation shall be maintained and available to **Department** inspection for a period of three years.
- **7.5.3** Equipment Calibration and Verification Records Calibration records shall include the minimum information listed below. **AASHTO R 18** and ASTM Standard C 1077 provide additional guidance for calibration of most testing equipment.
 - 1. Description
 - 2. Model & Serial Number
 - 3. Name of person calibrating
 - 4. Calibration equipment used (e.g., standard weights, proving rings, thermometers)
 - 5. Date calibrated & next due date
 - 6. Reference procedure used
 - 7. Results of calibration /verification
- **7.5.4** Technical Training and Evaluation Records Each **Private Laboratory** shall maintain records of technician training and evaluation.
- **7.5.5** Proficiency Sample Records Each **Private Laboratory** shall retain results of participation in any proficiency sample program, including the documentation of steps taken to determine the cause of poor results and corrective action taken.
- 7.6 Publications

Each **Private Laboratory** shall maintain current copies of all test procedures performed. This requirement shall include a current copy of the Manual of Test Procedures for Materials.

8.0 LABORATORY INSPECTIONS

8.1 General

The **Department** will qualify **Private Laboratories** by inspection.

 AGGREGATE LABORATORIES - Initial inspections and re-inspections will be performed by the District. OTHER LABORATORIES - Initial inspections are performed by the BMPR Laboratory. Re-inspections are performed by the District.

8.2 AASHTO Accredited Private Laboratories

8.2.1 AASHTO accreditation of the Consultant's laboratory is a prerequisite for Consultant prequalification as a Quality Assurance Testing Consultant..

Conditions for prequalification may be found in the prequalification instructions and forms.

AASHTO accreditation does not waive the right of the **Department** to conduct inspections and/or re-inspections.

8.3 Initial Inspection

- Facilities Physical and environmental conditions.
- Equipment Test apparatus for specification compliance.
- Documentation Calibration and verification records.
- Personnel A review of personnel credentials.
- Observation The Private Laboratory may be required to demonstrate Required Tests. Some test procedures, such as field tests, may be evaluated through discussion with laboratory personnel.
- Report The **Private Laboratory** will be provided with a report listing those tests for which it is approved. The report will note deficiencies.

8.4 Initial HMA and PCC Laboratory Inspections

- **8.4.1** The **Private Laboratory** shall submit a written request for an inspection to the District. The request shall indicate the following:
 - The location of the Private Laboratory.
 - The type of **Private Laboratory**, i.e., aggregate, HMA, or PCC.
 - The name of the Private Laboratory's Technical Manager, who will be present for the inspection.
 - The date the **Private Laboratory** will be ready for inspection.

- **8.4.2** The District will notify the **BMPR Laboratory** of the inspection request. The **BMPR Laboratory** will establish a tentative date to perform the inspection.
- 8.4.3 The District will perform a brief visual inspection approximately seven calendar days before the **BMPR** inspection. The District will verify that the **Private Laboratory** is ready for inspection and notify the **BMPR Laboratory**.
- 8.4.4 The **BMPR Laboratory** will perform the inspection and prepare a preliminary report. Standard inspection forms and a preliminary report, developed and maintained by the **BMPR Laboratory**, will be used.
- 8.4.5 The **BMPR Laboratory** will assign identification numbers to all test equipment.
 Unless a District has an established numbering system, the following sequences will be used.

<u>Sieves</u>

e.g., IL971418-01 where: IL = State

97 = inspection year

1418-01 = Producer/Supplier Number

Sieves are engraved on the inside of the bottom lip directly beneath the label.

HMA Equipment

e.g., IL971234

where: IL = State

97 = inspection year

1234 = sequential numbers

PCC Equipment

e.g., IL97CND61234

where: IL = State

97 = inspection year

CN = concrete

D6 = District number

1234 = sequential numbers

- 8.4.6 The BMPR Laboratory will perform a close-out with the Private Laboratory's Technical Manager and the District representative. The Technical Manager and the District will be given a copy of the preliminary report.
- 8.4.7 If a review of the preliminary report indicates there are no deficiencies, the BMPR Laboratory will provide written notification to the Private Laboratory indicating the Private Laboratory is approved. The notification will include an equipment list. A copy of the notification will be provided to the District.
- 8.4.8 If the preliminary report indicates there are deficiencies, the **BMPR Laboratory** will provide written notification to the **Private Laboratory**, indicating the deficiencies and that corrective action is required. A copy of the written notification will be provided to the District.
- **8.4.9** After correction of all cited deficiencies, the **Private Laboratory** shall notify the

District. The District will inspect the **Private Laboratory** to verify the deficiencies have been corrected and will notify the **BMPR Laboratory** in writing.

- 8.4.10 The BMPR Laboratory will provide written notification to the Private Laboratory, indicating the approval. The notification will include an equipment list. A copy of the written notification will be provided to the District.
- **8.4.11** Uncorrected deficiencies will not be waived. Equivalent equipment specifications may be approved only with the written approval of the **Department's** Engineer of Tests.

8.5 Initial Aggregate Laboratory Inspection

For an aggregate **Private Laboratory**, the procedures outlined in 8.4 shall be followed, except the District will perform the inspection instead of the **BMPR Laboratory**.

- 8.6 Re-Approval of Private Laboratories
- 8.6.1 The re-inspection of **Private Laboratories** shall be conducted at intervals deemed appropriate by the District. The interval between inspections shall not exceed two calendar years. The District's evaluation may include the following:
 - Physical inspection of the laboratory facility and equipment.
 - Review of the Private Laboratory's internal quality plan and documentation in accordance with this policy and those parts of AASHTO R 18 incorporated by this policy.
 - Observations of tests performed by qualified personnel.
 - Results of split sample testing between the Private Laboratory and the District.
 - Results of proficiency sample testing programs conducted by the Department.
 - Overall past performance and experience.
- The District may not waive any requirements for **Private Laboratories** or test equipment for **Required Tests**.
- 8.6.3 The District shall issue a letter of re-approval to the **Private Laboratory**, or provide a written and itemized deficiency list. The **Private Laboratory** shall notify the District when deficiencies are corrected and ready for re-inspection.

At any time, if the District identifies deficiencies in the facility, equipment, or test procedures that could affect the results of any QC or QA tests, the District will require the **Private Laboratory** to take immediate action to correct the deficiency.

9.0 **EXEMPTIONS – AMRL**

If a **Private Laboratory** maintains accreditation from AMRL for the appropriate test procedures, the District may waive the re-inspection requirements of this policy. To effect the waiver, the **Private Laboratory** must provide copies of inspection reports and proficiency sample results to the District. This waiver does not apply to the initial inspection requirements, including the required equipment list.

10.0 LABORATORY DATABASE

The **Department** will maintain a computer database to monitor the approval status of **Private Laboratories**. The database will include the following information:

- Laboratory Codes (Department, Producer, etc.)
- Responsible District
- Type Laboratory (Aggregate, HMA, PCC, Other)
- Demographics (Address, etc.)
- Date Inspected
- Approval Status

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Eric E. Harm, P.E. Engineer of Materials and Physical Research

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TABLE 1
PRIVATE LABORATORY TESTS

PROCEDURE			PF	RIVATE LAB TY		
AASHTO (Illinois Modified)	ASTM	AGCS*	HMA QC	HMA DESIGN	PCC QC	DESCRIPTION
T 2 (IL)	D 75	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	$\sqrt{}$	Sampling of Aggregates
T 11 (IL)	C117	V	V	\checkmark	V	Materials Finer Than 75-μm (No. 200) Sieve in Mineral Aggregates by Washing
T 19 (IL)	C29	√ ACBF Slag only			$\sqrt{}$	Unit Weight and Voids in Aggregate
T 27 (IL)	C136	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	\checkmark	$\sqrt{}$	Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates
T 84 (IL)	C128	$^{}$ Slag, only				Specific Gravity and Absorption of Fine Aggregate
T 85 (IL)	C127	$^{}$ Slag, only				Specific Gravity and Absorption of Coarse Aggregate
T 248 (IL)	C702	V	V	V	V	Reducing Field Samples of Aggregate to Testing Size
T 255 (IL)	C566	V	V	V	√	Total Moisture Content of Aggregate by Drying
IL Test Procedure 203		√ Slag, only				Deleterious Particles in Coarse Aggregate

^{*}Aggregate Gradation Control System

TABLE 1
PRIVATE LABORATORY TESTS

	PROCEDURE		PRIVATE LAB TYPE					
	AASHTO (Illinois Modified)	ASTM	AGCS	HMA QC	HMA DESIGN	PCC QC		DESCRIPTION
	T 30 (IL)	D5444			V		•	Mechanical Analysis of Extracted Aggregate
Ì	T 164 (IL)	D2172			$\sqrt{}$			Quantitative Extraction of Bitumen from Bituminous Paving Mixtures
)	T 166 (IL)	D2726		1	V			Bulk Specific Gravity of Compacted Bituminous Mixtures Using Saturated Surface-Dry Specimens
) -	T 209 (IL)	D2041		√	$\sqrt{}$			Maximum Specific Gravity of Bituminous Paving Mixtures
į	T 245 (IL)	D 1559						Resistance to Plastic Flow of Bituminous Mixtures Using Marshall Apparatus
	T 283 (IL)	D 4867			√			Resistance of Compacted Bituminous Mixture to Moisture Induced Damage
	T 287 (IL)	D 4125		√ or T 308				Asphalt Content of Bituminous Concrete Mixtures by the Nuclear Method
	T 312 (IL)			$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$			Superpave Gyratory Compaction
•	T 308 (IL)			V	$\sqrt{}$			Asphalt Binder Content of Hot-Mix Asphalt by the Ignition Method
		D 2950 (IL)		1				Determination of Density of Bituminous Concrete In-Place by Nuclear Method – Field Test; not observed during Lab Inspection

TABLE 1 PRIVATE LABORATORY TESTS

PROCEDURE			<u>PR</u>	RIVATE LAB TY		
AASHTO (Illinois Modified)	ASTM	AGCS	HMA QC	HMA DESIGN	PCC QC	DESCRIPTION
T 22 (IL)	C 39				√ Either T22 or T177 Required.	Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete Specimens
T 23 (IL)	C31				\checkmark	Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens in the Field
T 119 (IL)	C 143				V	Slump of Portland Cement Concrete
T 121 (IL)	C 138				√	Weight per Cubic Foot, Yield, and Air Content
T 126 (IL)	C 192				√ If developing mix designs in the laboratory.	Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens in the Laboratory
T 141 (IL)	C 172				√	Sampling Fresh Concrete
T 152 (IL)	C 231				√	Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by the Pressure Method - Type A or B Air Meter
T 177 (IL)	C 293				√ Either T22 or T177 Required.	Flexural Strength of Concrete - Hand Pump or Mechanical Breaker
T 196 (IL)	C 173				If performed.	Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by the Volumetric Method
T 231	C 617				$\sqrt{}$ If performed.	Capping Cylindrical Concrete Specimens
T 309 (IL)	C 1064				V	Temperature of Freshly Mixed PCC
IL Test Procedure 301					$^{}$ If performed.	Fine Aggregate Moisture Content by Flask Method
IL Test Procedure 302					$\sqrt{}$ If performed.	Fine or Coarse Aggregate Specific Gravity and Moisture Content by Dunagan Method
IL Test Procedure 303					$\sqrt{}$ If performed.	Fine or Coarse Aggregate Moisture Content by Pycnometer Jar Method
IL Test Procedure 306					√ If developing mix designs.	Voids Test of Coarse Aggregate for Concrete Mixtures

TABLE 2
REQUIRED TESTS – QUALITY ASSURANCE TESTING CONSULTANTS

PROCEDURE			REQUIRE	D FOR PREQUA	LIFICATION		
	AASHTO (Illinois Mod)	ASTM	IDOT QA	AAP On-Site Assessment	AAP Proficiency Assessment	DESCRIPTION	
	T 2 (IL)	D 75	$\sqrt{}$			Sampling of Aggregates	
	T 11 (IL)	C117	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	75-µm (No. 200) by Washing	
	T 19 (IL)	C29	V	$\sqrt{}$		Unit Weight and Voids in Aggregate	
	T 27 (IL)	C136	V	V	V	Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates	
Щ	T 84 (IL)	C128	\checkmark	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	SG and Absorption of Fine	
AGGREGATE			Slag labs only	Slag labs only	Slag labs only	Aggregate	
AGGE	T 85 (IL)	C127	√ Slag labs only	√ Slag labs only	√ Slag labs only	SG and Absorption of Coarse Aggregate	
	T 248 (IL)	C702	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$		Reducing Field Samples Size	
	T 255 (IL)	C566	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$		Total Moisture Content	
	IL Test 203		√ Slag labs only			Deleterious Particles in Coarse Aggregate	
	T 30 (IL)	D5444	V			Mechanical Analysis of Extracted Aggregate	
	T 164 (IL)	D2172	$\sqrt{}$			Quantitative Extraction	
Ľ	T 166 (IL)	D2726	$\sqrt{}$	V	V	Bulk Specific Gravity	
H	T 209 (IL)	D2041		√	√	Maximum Specific Gravity	
SP	T 245 (IL)	D 1559	√			Marshall Stability & Flow	
MIX A	T 283 (IL)	D 4867	V			Resistance to Moisture Induced Damage	
HOT-MIX ASPHALT	T 287 (IL)	D 4125	V	$^{\sqrt}$ or T 308		Asphalt Content the Nuclear Method	
_	T 312(IL)		V	√	V	Superpave Gyratory Compaction	
	T 308(IL)		√			Asphalt Binder Content by Ignition	
		D 2950 (IL)	$\sqrt{}$			Nuclear Density- Field Test	

PROCEDURE			REQUIRE	D FOR PREQUA	LIFICATION		
	AASHTO (Illinois Mod)	ASTM	IDOT QA	AAP On-Site Assessment	AAP Proficiency Assessment	DESCRIPTION	
	T 22 (IL)	C 39	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	Compressive Strength of Cylinders	
	T 23 (IL)	C31	$\sqrt{}$	V	V	Making and Curing Test Specimens in the Field	
	T 119 (IL)	C143	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	Slump	
	T 121 (IL)	C 138	V	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	Weight, Yield, and Air Content	
	T126 (IL)	C 192			$\sqrt{}$	Making and Curing Test Specimens in the Laboratory	
	T 141 (IL)	C 172	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$		Sampling Fresh Concrete	
	T 152 (IL)	C 231	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	Air Content-Type A or B Pressure Method	
Œ	T 177 (IL)	C 293	V	√*		Flexural Strength of Concrete - Hand Pump or Mechanical Breaker	
Æ	T 196 (IL)	C 173	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	Air Content by Volumetric Method	
CONCRETE			If performed	If performed	If performed		
Ö	T 231 (IL)	C 617	√ If performed	√ If performed		Capping Cylinders	
	T309 (IL)	C 1064	√	√ V		Temperature of Freshly Mixed PCC	
	IL Test 301		√ If performed			FA Moisture by Flask Method	
	IL Test 302		$\sqrt{}$ If performed			FA or CA Aggregate SG and Moisture - Dunagan	
	IL Test 303		√ If performed			FA or CA Moisture Content by Pycnometer Jar Method	
	IL Test 306		**			Voids Test of CA for Concrete Mixtures	

^{*}The AAP on-site assessment is not required for Illinois type portable beam breakers but is required for all other types of beam breakers.

^{**}If verifying PCC mix designs.

TABLE 3 EQUIPMENT CALIBRATION SCHEDULE

EQUIPMENT	REQUIREMENT	MAXIMUM INTERVAL (MONTHS)
Aggregate & General		
Unit Weight Measures	Calibrate	12
General Purpose Balances,	Verify	12
Scales, Weights	1 Point Verify	1 per week
Mechanical Shakers	Check Sieve Thoroughness	12
Ovens	Verify Temperature Settings	4
Sieves	Check Physical Condition	6
Thermometers	Verify	6
PCC		
Air Meters (Pressure Type)	Calibrate During Use	3 (Type B)
	Calibrate	12 (Type A)
Air Meters (Volumetric Type	Calibrate	12
Compression & Flexural Testing Machine	Calibrate	12
Capping Material	Check Strength	3 or New Shipment
Slump Cones	Check Critical Dimensions	12
Reusable Molds	Check Critical Dimensions	12
Single Use Molds	Check Dimensions	Each Shipment
Moist Room/Storage Tanks Recording Thermometer or Max/Min Thermometer	Calibrate	6 Months
HMA		
Gyratory Compactor	Verification	1 During use
Marshall Hammer	Check Physical Condition	12
Ignition Furnace	Calibrate	Each mix
Vacuum Pump	Check Pressure	12
Stability Machine	Verify Load Indications Certificate of Calibration	12
Timers	Check Accuracy	6
Molds, Breaking Heads	Check Critical Dimensions	12
Pycnometers	Check Critical Dimensions & Physical Condition	12
Mixers, Bituminous	Check Physical Condition	12
Water Baths	Check Temperature	8
Extraction Equipment	Check Physical Condition	12